



THE Caledonian Mercury,

BEING

A short Account of the most considerable News, Foreign and Domestick.

Edinburgh, Tuesday May 1st, 1722.

From the Evening Post, April 26.

Since our last arrived one Mail from France.

Paris, May 2, 1722.

THE Duke of Orleans having seen some excellent Performances of Mr. le Roux, Painter in Ordinary to the Duke de Vendosme, is resolved to send him to Madrid, to draw the Pictures of all the Royal Family; accordingly that Gentleman will set out for Spain, as soon as he has finished a History Piece he is now about, the Subject of which is the Arrival of Telemachus and Mentor in the Isle of Calypso. Mr. Le Blanc Secretary at War, being now recovered of his late Indisposition, has sent circular Letters to all the Officers of Foot, ordering them to repair to their respective Regiments against the 1st of next Month, to be present at the Reform, which will then be made by the Inspectors General. The like Letters have been dispatched to the Officers of Horse, by the Count d'Evreux their General.

Paris, April 24. As soon as the Ceremony of the King's Coronation is over, his Majesty will go from Rheims, to see some fortified Town or other on the Frontiers, and then repair to Versailles.

Dantzick, April 18. The Russians give out, That the extraordinary Preparations of the Czar, are neither intended against Poland nor Germany, but for an Enterprize against some Princes of Tartary, and that his Czarish Majesty intends to command his Army in Person: But the Truth of these Reports is much questioned, the more, because 'tis certain, that a great Body of Russian Troops is assembling on the Borders of Lithuania.

From

(1924)

From the St. James's Evening Post, April 24.

Rome, April 11. This Afternoon the Pope returned hither from the Castle Gondolpha; having given Audience to the two Princes of Bavaria, who departed on Sunday for Naples.

Madrid, April 6. A Ship arrived from Peru, brings Letters dated the 29th of July last, which Confirm, that the French have not only made a Descent at Priscoe, 48 Leagues from Lima, which Place they had fortified, but plundered and carried off a great Quantity of Wine and other Commodities in their Passage from Chilo to Lima.

Hamburg, April 27. Letters from Lemberg in Poland, say, That two Regiments of Russian Troops were arrived near Kiow, and that the Polish Forces on that Side were thereupon ordered to hold themselves ready to march against them, in case they offer Hostilities.

Paris, April 29. N. S. The Marquis de Dreux, who went to Rheims to prepare things against the King's Coronation, is returned hither; and that Ceremony which was appointed for the 2d of September, is put off till the 15th of October.

London, April 24. Yesterday her Grace the Dutchess Dowager of Buckingham made a Visit to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales at Leicester House, and was received with great Marks of Esteem and Favour.

We hear that the Sailors who served on board the Fleet in the Mediterranean, in the Engagement with the Spaniards off Cape Passaro, having petitioned his Majesty for the Payment of the Prize Money due to them, his Majesty was graciously pleased to order their Complaints to be heard and Justice done them; their Agent Mr. Poley, has been obliged to lay his Accounts before the proper Persons; so that the expected Payment will speedily be made.

On Saturday last as a Work-man was casting up a Ditch, not far from Kentish Town, he found near the Surface of the Earth, the Body of a Man with an Iron Doublet on, which proved to be that of John Shaw, who sometime ago was executed for Robbery and Murder committed on Mr. Philip Potts, and afterwards hanged in Chains; but taken down in the Night by some of his Accomplices, and slenderly buried, as above, according to the Roman Wish; *fit tibi Terra levis*, That is, *let the Earth be light*. Information of this being brought to the Sheriff, a Warrant was issued out Yesterday to restore him to the eminent Station from which he was so clandestinely removed.

On Sunday last a Pleasure Boat that had been at Chilwick, was in its Return to London overset in Chelsea Reach, by a sudden Guff of Wind, the Main Sail, fore Sail and Gibb being all fastened, there were on board four Gentlemen, a Watterman and a Boy, but none of them could Swim; but however, two Boats coming by very fortunately took them up, and landed them safe on Battersea Shore.

The Barons Sparr and Soléanthal, Ministers of Sweden and Denmark, and other foreign Envoys are preparing to go to Germany soon after the King sets out for that Country.

'Tis said the South Sea Company are busy in buying Merchandizes to be embarked in a large Ship, called the Royal Prince, designed for the Spanish

(1725)

Spanish West Indies; and that the Cargo will amount to three hundred and thirty thousand Pound.

By the Death of the late Earl of Sunderland Knight of the Order of the Garter, a second Stall is become Vacant in the Royal Chapel of that Order at Windsor.

From the Flying Post, April 24.

London, April 24. The particular Day for his Majesty's Journey to Hanover is not yet fixed, nor is it certain, that any more than one of the Principal Secretaries of State will attend his Majesty thither, who 'tis believed will be the Lord Carteret.

We hear that the Earle of Cadogan is shortly to set out for the Hague, to reside there as his Majesty's Ambassador.

Last Night arrived a Dutch Mail, with Advice, That a Council of Regency at Paris, has censured the Letter of the Bishops to the Pope, as Heretical and Schismatical, and ordered their Temporalities to be sequestered; but their Friends Flatter themselves, that this Punishment will only put more Money into their Pockets, because they doubt not but the Anti-constitution Party will open their purse Strings to relieve them; as they did to assist the Cardinal de Noailles, when it was reported that Lewis 14th was going to seize his Estate; at which time it was computed, That a Subscription was raised for his Eminency, to the Sum of 17 or 1800000 Livres.

From the St. James's Evening Post, April 26.

'Tis reported, that his Swedish Majesty will go into Germany much sooner than was expected; and there hath been a Talk for some Days Past, of an Interview between the Kings of Great Britain, Poland and Prussia, and his Swedish Majesty.

Copenhagen, April 14. The British Minister had a long Audience of his Majesty last Week, upon the Arrival of some Dispatches from London.

Hamburg, April 24. They write from Petersburg, that the 5 Regiments that lately marched out of that Place will probably March into Courland, to train the Forces that are there; and that the Czar will probably Return at the latter End of this Month to Revel, to meet the Duke of Mecklenburg, who is arrived there.

London, April 26. Henry Ranton Esq; is appointed Secretary to his Grace the Duke of Portland as Governour of Jamaica, in the Room of Mr. Bret deceased.

On Munday Night last died Mr. Warner, an eminent Gold Smith and Banker in the Strand.

'Tis generally believed, that the Right Honourable Spencer Compton Esq; will again be chosen Speaker of the House of Commons.

Last Night the King and the Prince of Wales saw an Opera, called *Flodante*, at the Theatre in the Hay Market. Her Royal Highness went and saw the two young Princesses upon whom the small Pox appeared on Tuesday Night, and not before, without feeling the usual Concomitants and Danger of that Distemper.

We

(1716)

We hear that none are to be kept in the Foot Guards, who are under 5 Foot and 4 Inches, nor any Irishman who has served the Spanish King in Sicily.

Wye's Letter verbatim, April 24, 1722.

ITS wrote from Pequín the Capital of China, That on the 11th of July last, an Earthquake was perceived in that City, which was not considerable till Midnight, it continued all the next Day, till 7 in the Evening, and of the several Shocks, the last of all was the most violent, threw down many publick Edifices, and buried a great Number of the Inhabitants under the Ruines. On the 14th of August following, the Consternation into which this Earthquake had thrown the People, was greatly increased by almost a total Eclipse of the Sun, which begun almost at 43 Minuts after Ten in the Morning, and ended not till 42 after One in the Afternoon. Some Days after, the Emperor ordered a General Fast for 4 Days, and after having set apart the necessary Funds for Rebuilding the Edifices, he quitted the City, and went to a Castle which he has built at the Foot of the Mountains of Tartary, and was accompanied thither by 2 Jesuites only.

The Czar of Muscovy, in order to induce the Acknowledgement of the States General to his Title of Emperor of Great Russia, proposed vast Privileges to the Subjects of that Republick in the Way of Trade, exclusive of all other Nations of Europe; some of our Politicians pretended, That the principal Aim of the Russian Monarch is to become a Prince of the Empire by reducing some Places in Germany.

They write from Paris of the 2d of May, N. S. That a rigorous Decree has been published at Madrid, forbidding all Persons to carry about them Pistols and such like Arms either by Day or Night, and the Officers of Justice to receive any Gifts or Presents. That 2 Ships with Artillery are sent to Majorca, and Mariners are expected at Barcelona from Valentia. Mr. Le Blanc Secretary of War being recovered, has sent Circular Letters to all the Officers of the French Foot; and the General of the Horse has done the like to the Officers of the Cavalry, to repair to their Posts.

We find that the Court, which indeed could not otherwise be expected, have carried the Elections, particularly of the 16 Peers, to represent the Peerage of Scotland in the ensuing Parliament, according to their Desire, notwithstanding the Representations and Remarks made to the contrary by our Journalists, as that it might perhaps be an Argument to pass the Peerage Bill, which will weigh with some Men. That the Peers of Scotland, by electing the same Persons who voted for that Bill, have given a publick Proof, that they neither wish nor desire to be preserved in their Rights of Election, &c. The Freeholder's Journals are now filled with Letters from the Moon, telling us, among other Things, of Gossops, and that the Chief of which are Lady Horn, Lady Lustie, Lady Luncker and Madam Bundle, who having an Affection for the barren Soil from which they sprung, are daily enriching it from these Elysian Fields: That the poor Lunatics are plundered, to raise Walls and Fences about it, whilst their own Cottages are falling down about their Ears. There are other vehement Reflections on the Administration, and also Passages alluding to the Pretender. And for the Management of that Subject, it divides the whole Island into Star-gazers and Turnep-heads.

Just now we hear, That the Printer and Publisher of the afore mentioned Letter are seized, with all their Papers.

Ye-

(1927)

Yesterday 104000 Ounces of Foreign Silver, and 600 of Gold, were entered for Holland. The Complaints of the Scarcity of our Coin increase to a very great Degree.

The Person mentioned in our Last, to be taken on Suspicion of robbing the Bristol Mail, is one Wilson a Highwayman, who was this Day examined before the Postmasters General, and both confessed the Fact and discovered his two Accomplices, for whom strict Enquiry is making. The two Highwaymen who again robbed the Bury Coach last Week, and committed the barbarous Fact of cutting out a poor Woman's Tongue, for telling the Passengers she knew the Rogues, are taken and committed to Chelmsfort Goal.

On Monday last Dr. Felton was installed Principal of Edmund Hall in Oxford. The same Day died Mr. Warner, an eminent Banker in the Strand.

Last Night the King and Prince saw an Opera called *Floridante*, at the Theatre in the Hay Market.

The two Persons embeached of robbing the Bristol Mails, are John Hawkins, formerly Master of a Vessel employed in Trading to and from France; and one Symon. Two Highwaymen are committed to Newgate, one of which, as they say, is a House-keeper near the Custom-house.

It seems that the Link Boy, mentioned in our Last to be stabbed by M. Oglethorp, first gave that Gentleman several Blows with his Link.

This Day at Noon S. S. Stock was 90, 3 4ths. Bank, 114. India, 133, 1 Half. African, 14. Royal Exchange Assurance, 5, 7 8ths. London Assurance, 5, 3 8ths. York Buildings, 24.

Elgine, April 27th 1722

Alexander Brodie of Brodie, Esq; who formerly represented the Shire of Elgine and Forrose; was this Day again unanimously elected, and returned to Represent the said Shire in the ensuing Parliament. And John Forbes of Culloiden, Esq; formerly Member for the Shire of Inverness, was on Thursday last the 26th of April, in like Manner, unanimously Chosen to represent the Shire of Nairn in the ensuing Parliament; both of them being Gentlemen zealously affected for the Good of their Country.

Lanark, April 26.

This Day came on the Election of the Representative in the ensuing Parliament for the County of Lanark, when the former Member Lord Archbald Hamilton was declared to have carried it against Mr. Stewart of Torrance jun. by a Majority of Seven; and the Return will probably be in Lord Archbalds Favours; but the Proceedings of the Electors are complained of as unfair and partial against Mr. Stewart, in a great many Particulars, such as, that Captain Stewart's, Cleland's and Murdousoun's Rights were not admitted for him, tho' better, or at least equal to the Lord Pencaitland's, who was President of the Meeting, and was admitted to vote for Lord Archbald. Sir William Fleeming and Lambhill also, were not admitted to vote for Mr. Stewart, on pretence that they were not in Possession, tho' it was made appear, That their Creditors accountable to them were in Possession, which in Law was their Possession. Mr. Crawford of Glasgow was likewise excluded, tho' he had been Freeholder for much more than a Year before the Test of the Parliament Writs, on pretence that one of the Seals was not appended to his Charter, till within the Year, which

(1728)
 which was occasioned by the Death of the Keeper the late Marquiss of Annandale. The Votes of the Town of Glasgow and incorporated Tradesmen of Glasgow, tho' in Law qualified to vote for their respective Freeholds, were also rejected, &c. Whereas on the other Side Mr. Bogle of Hutchison, and another Mr. Bogle Merchant, tho' not Freeholders, were admitted for Lord Archbald, as were also Tuckerhill and Craigtoun, tho' disabled, by selling and quitting Possession of so much of their Freeholds as that what remained could not intitle them to vote. Mr. Stewart also complains, That the Minister of Bothwell in these Questions voted and acted against him, and officiated as a Judge, tho' by the Law of SCOTLAND, Act 133, Par. 8. Ja. 6. Presbyterian Ministers are discharged to use any Office of Civil Judicature, such as the Act 1693, declares electing of Members of Parliament to be. Against all which and several other Proceedings of the like Sort, Mr. Stewart protested, and will certainly Petition.

Haddingtoun, April 27, 1722:

Best Wheat, 8 l. 4 sh.	2d Ditto, 8 l.	3d Ditto, 7 l. 10 sh.
Best Bear, 6 l. 4 sh.	2d Ditto, 5 l. 18 sh.	3d Ditto, 5 l. 14 sh.
Best Oats, 6 l. 4 sh.	2d Ditto, 6 l.	3d Ditto, 5 l. 12 sh.
Best Pease, 5 l.	2d Ditto, 4 l. 16 sh.	3d Ditto, 4 l. 10 sh.

ADVERTISEMENT

IN Pursuance of an Order by the Arbiters, in the Submission betwixt *Forbes of Ballogie* and his Creditors. These are intimating to the said Creditors, to give in their Claims and Grounds of Debt due to them by the said *Ballogie*, To *William Forbes* Writer to the Signet, and Clerk to the said Submission, at his Writing Chamber in the Parliament Clois, or to *Alexander Tyler* Writer in *Edinburgh*, betwixt and the 20th Day of May next, with Certification, that the Arbiters will proceed to determine on such Claims as shall be then produced.

There is to be sold a fashonable Chariot, with six Harnish, all good and strong. Enquire at Mr. Alexander Dunbar Merchant, at the Head of Burnet's Clois *Edinburgh*,

E D I N B U R G H :
 Printed for *W. Rolland* by *William Adams Junior* and are to be Sold at the Printing House in *Carrubber's Clois* on the *West Side* of the *Bishops Land*. Where Advertisements and Subscriptions are taken in

N. B. The 1st Quarter of the 3d Year of the *Caledonian Mercury*, commenced the 28th of *April* last: Wherefore 'tis expected, that Those who get said News-paper will send in the current Quarter, together with all by-gone Arrears, as they expect to be punctually served.